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Dear Mr. Neal and the National Organic Standards Board:

This letter is in reference to the National Organic Program, Sunset Review, Docket number TM-04-07. Kerry Food & Beverage, a division of Kerry Inc., produces a number of organic products for foodservice and retail establishments. Without the use of the substances referenced in the National List 205.605(a), 205.605(b) and 205.606, we would be unable to offer for sale a number of these products, as many of the ingredients we use are grown or processed using substances contained on the National List. Examples of such ingredients are citric acid, natural flavors, tripotassium citrate, calcium phosphate, and carrageenan.

For this reason, this is a formal letter in support of keeping the present NOP ruling for the organic processing ingredients and processing aids. Kerry Food & Beverage supports the continued allowance of the substances contained within the National List 205.605(a), 205.605(b) and 205.606. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the topic in further detail. Please feel free to contact me at 262.317.3945 at your earliest convenience.

Regards,



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Cc: Organic Trade Association
National Organic Standards Board